

WHOSE PENNANT?

The Series Opening To-Day Is Likely to Decide the Question.

A League Situation of Far More than Ordinary Interest.

Indications of the Hour as Felt by Leading Baseball Editors.

New York Retains Favor by Its Fine Possibilities in Team Work.

The series of baseball games to be begun at the Polo Grounds to-day will be one of the most interesting ever played upon any diamond.

This is because of the particularly interesting struggle for the leadership which marks this part of the League season.

A year ago New York had a commanding lead, and with the stiff game which they were putting up their prospective possession of the pennant was as well assured as anything in baseball can be.

To-day there are the two clubs, New York and Boston, in a hot and close race, while a third, Philadelphia, and a fourth, Chicago, are yet factors in the result.

The present series between the leaders will exert a marked influence on the outcome of the season's competition. It may even decide the question: Whose pennant?

This question is agitating the mind of every sportsman of baseball.

The EVENING WORLD, sounding the chorus of leading baseball editors, in the League cities, finds a decided leaning towards New York.

This inclination was perceptible even in Boston up till a short time ago, when Manager Hart's aggregation put on a new boom, regained the lost lead and appeared in the form of the present day.

The New York are favored, because of their ability to play ball briskly, scientifically and, as a team, harmoniously—an ability which they have often demonstrated even under discouraging circumstances, and through which they kept at the front a year ago.

They have lost the confidence of many friends, to an extent, through the combined effects of hard luck and such occasional streaks of yellow playing as marked the three straightest wins at Philadelphia, ditto at Pittsburgh and the execrable game of Tuesday last with Washington.

Coming up to their proper form, the champions should win two out of the three games in the series opening to-day.

If Boston can be persuaded to play two games on Saturday three victories out of four games would not be a wild hope.

Either way, the friends of the champions will gain new hope and the team will be placed upon solid ground for running out the season.

Following are given expressions from men whose minds and pencils are daily busy with the history of the great contest and the baseball indications of the hour.

THE BOSTON IDEA.
The Beau-Enters Have No License to Miss the Pennant.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
BOSTON, Aug. 28.—Two weeks ago the prevailing opinion seemed to be that Boston was a candidate for second honors in the race for the League pennant, and I must confess that so far as concerned the flag coming to Boston I was an unbeliever myself.

Until within the last week I have said that Boston would surely be beaten out by Murre's aggregation.

A short time back many of the Boston players seemed to take little interest in their work, and the poor batting of Tom Brown helped materially to lose games.

The move of putting Harrie Richardson in the field and Quinn on second was a good one and has been productive of good results.

The team as it now stands is not equalled in the League for slugging and Quinn's play at second has been equal to that of any second baseman in the country.

Kelly is in excellent condition for ball-playing and has shown an interest in life never before displayed.

That interest has put new life into the rest of the players and, of course, good work will follow the resumption of the season.

From this time to the end of the season, Clarkson is almost sure to win two-thirds of the games in which he officiates as pitcher.

Redburn can be relied upon to do nearly as well as he should and to fall off, either we have Madden and Daly to fall back on.

The team returns to Boston next Monday and it is confidently expected that two-thirds of all the games played here will be victories for the home team.

Boston early has no license to lose the pennant which she now has in her grasp. New York will be second.

PITTSBURG NAMES NEW YORK.
HARMONIOUS TEAM-WORK THE BASIS OF THIS PROGNOSTICATION.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 28.—There seems to be but one opinion among the local baseball writers as to the present state of affairs existing in the national game.

They are one and all declaring that unless some unforeseen accident takes place New York will win the pennant and have something to spare.

In this city Boston is not regarded very highly, as it is looked on as a stellar combination in which every man is a pillar for himself alone.

There is a lack of harmony in the team that will keep it from being a winner.

It is also weak in the box, having no one but Clarkson in whom any dependence can be placed.

On the other hand, the New Yorks have worked together as a team, well balanced at all points, and are especially strong in the box.

These the Giants have three men, Keefe, Welch and Crane, who will be in fine shape for the finish, in which Boston will be beaten.

As to Philadelphia, no one here thinks the Quakers have any show whatever for first place, and they are not regarded as being in the race.

This is the opinion of all our local writers.

W. P. FINKELSTEIN, Leader.

TILLIE WAS FICKLE.

Asbury Park Has a Divorce Scandal With Remarkable Phases.

Lawyer Patterson Begins Suit, Naming Three Co-Respondents.

Arrest and Confession of One Found in the Young Wife's Company.

Marital infidelities are the present fashion, and the crop of sensations that comes out from the Summering places infested by New Yorkers is unusually large and varied this season.

"The talk about the hotels and clubs to-day turns upon Asbury Park's latest offering in the scandal line, in which the names of the pretty wife of a son of State Senator George M. Patterson, of N. J., with those of Lloyd McKee, the Adonis of a billiard hall and bowling alley; William J. Roman, a law clerk, and Dr. Burton are connected in a disgraceful manner."

Samuel A. Patterson, a rising and bright young lawyer, was considered a lucky man, three years ago, when he married Tillie Larison, the brown-haired, gray-eyed and lovely daughter of his family at this ultra moral and equally fastidious watering place.

The honeymoon was a delicious dream, and the couple built their nest in a handsome cottage on G and Avenue and were happy.

But Samuel was an ambitious man, and a time found more solace at his desk than by his wife's side, and she, naturally inclined to society, drifted into the social whirl and resorted to her old station as a belle.

She was at every social gathering, surrounded by the gallants of the park and Ocean Grove, while her husband seldom appeared. They rented their cottage and took rooms at the Windsor Hotel on Second Avenue.

He was willing to have her friends escort her everywhere, to the theatre, the hops and the receptions and concerts, until a short time ago, when the breath of scandal began to blow on his ear. Then he organized himself a detective bureau.

Saturday night, according to his statements, made in his application for divorce, the pretty young wife attended a fashionable dance, escorted by Roman, who is a law student and son of the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel. On their return Mrs. Patterson, who is a law clerk, discovered a man apparently hiding behind a tree under her window, and a little later his wife stole out of the house and was seen to enter the hotel.

The husband stepped between them, administered a stinging rebuke to his wife, and then addressed him self to the young man, who is said to have been Lloyd McKee.

There was a short war and McKee was permitted to go on under a promise that he would make a confession.

Later the husband rounded up Squire Holmes and swore out a warrant for McKee's arrest on a charge of adultery, and an officer found the couple in the hotel room, with the wife and child. Before the justice he made a clean breast of it, and to-day Lawyer John F. Hawkins, in behalf of Mr. Patterson, filed the suit for divorce, naming as co-respondents Tillie C. Patterson, nee Larison, charging her with adultery with McKee, Roman and Frederick Lyon, of Hartford, who was one of the sub-contractors in the building of the seashore electric railway at Asbury Park.

Young Roman was a graduate of East Spring from the Columbia Law School and is a clerk in the office of John F. Hawkins, who appears for Patterson.

A WASHINGTON RESUME.
New York Rather in Favor, but Not to Have a Walkover.

(SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.)
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The surprising drop of the New York Club at Pittsburgh and their comparatively easy defeat at Boston have caused a rather general feeling that the championship is settled and that Boston cannot be headed.

So hasty a conclusion is hardly justified, however. We must take in a broader field than those six games.

The first nine games of the Western trip, of which New York won eight and Boston only four, indicated precisely opposite results.

The truth lies between them. Neither club is to have a walkover, but the struggle will be a hard one and the lead may alternate several times.

In the games with Washington last week Boston showed up not much better than on other occasions, and with a little latting by the visitors would have lost two games, while with comparative ease the Giants took four out of five games from the Phillies.

Keefe pitched one of his best games on Thursday, and O'Day's work on Saturday was exceedingly good.

The Boston players are shaky in the box. Clarkson is Boston's main dependence, but cannot do all the work.

It should be remembered that New York has been evened up by the loss of its ace, who is now out for ten days, and with these in good shape again and Keefe able to do his share I believe that New York has a good chance to overcome the local opposition.

But if Keefe and Welch do not regain their grip the race is hopeless, barring accidents. I do not see any substantial grounds on which Philadelphia bases hopes of a higher position than she now occupies. The last week's play does not show any.

The other clubs are not likely to change much from their present positions, though Pittsburgh may advance another peg.

H. L. FINCH, Press.
BASEBALL STANDING THIS MORNING.

Baltimore	48	37	.565	Baltimore	41	39	.510
Pittsburgh	51	38	.571	St. Louis	39	41	.488
Philadelphia	47	40	.538	Cleveland	34	46	.425
Indianapolis	33	54	.378	New York City	33	54	.378

Baseball To-Day.
THE LEAGUE
Boston at New York.
Philadelphia at Washington.
Chicago at St. Louis.
Indianapolis at Cleveland.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Brooklyn at Baltimore.
Athletics at Columbus.
ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION.
Lowell at Newark.
Norwalk at New Haven.

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